

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 August 1954	2. LOCATION Pacific Ocean	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2055 GMT 12/0550Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE CIVILIAN	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Unknown	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 100 ft in diameter. Line of blue light 200-300 ft above sea. Approached observers position and changed to circle about 100 ft in diameter. After passing over ship. Then slowed down and rose rapidly, through thin layer of stratus cloud (Base 2,000 ft) As passed through clouds it illuminated clouds to same hue and agitated them violently. Object lost in clouds. Full moon shifting through cirrus clouds.	11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED	

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## 1. Object Description

a. Size - Estimated at about 100 feet in diameter when directly over and close to the vessel by Mr. [redacted] and four inches (about the size of a grapefruit held at arm's length) in diameter just before it entered the clouds at 2000 feet by Kosei Nakamoto.

b. Shape - When first sighted by Mr. [redacted] the object appeared to be a line of blue light. As it approached the ship, it became an ellipse and as it came directly over the ship it became a circle. (See Diagram I)

c. Color - The circle was bright blue at the extremity of the diameter, reddish at the inside of the circle, and jet black inside the circle of light. Mr. [redacted] described it as the same color as a blue neon tube or as the color of a burning gas jet. Definitely more blue

d. Rotation - None.

e. Features - There were no external projections discernible.

f. Light or Bright - None.

g. Sound - There was no sound, so far as the observers could determine emanating from the object. However, the surface of the ship at its periphery could have covered the noise.

h. Other External Features - None.

## 2. Description of Course of Object

a. What attracted attention - The line of blue light.

b. Angle of elevation and azimuth from observer's position when first sighted - A degree or two above the horizon, about 18 miles distant at about 30° azimuth from the observer's position. (See Diagram II)

c. At disappearance - Directly over observer's position.

d. Maneuvers, Flight Path - The object flew to the observer's position, then rose vertically and disappeared through a cloud layer at 2000 feet.

## 3. Manner of Observation

a. Visual only.

b. Optical Aids - None.

c. Ship's name, registry, position, speed, heading - The salvaged ship's name was "S.S. Docteur Angier." It was a wrecked vessel owned by the Moeller Salvage Company. Its position was 27°02'05"N/128°27'55"E. The vessel was not moving but was headed bow due east.

## 4. Time and Date of Sighting

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COUNTRY: Ryukyu Islands

## Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON:

Yoron-Jima

FROM (Leave Blank) Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Twentieth Air Force, AFM 239

DATE OF REPORT:

23 October 1954

DATE OF INFORMATION:

11 August 1954

EVALUATION:

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PREPARED BY (Officer):

Capt. R. H. Festalazzi

SOURCE:

Okinawa

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable):

AFR 34

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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112- Part II.)

An unidentified flying object was sighted at approximately 2055 Item time, 11 August 1954, by Mr. [REDACTED] of Moeller Ship-wrecker Company, Okinawa, and Kosei Takamoto, his assistant.

The object was sighted from the deck of a salvaged ship anchored off Yoron-Jima at 27°02'05"N/126°08'15"E. The object first appeared north, northeast of Mr. Ferrell's position as a line of bright blue light about 200 to 300 feet above the sea and about the length of an American five cent piece held at arm's length. This line of light expanded horizontally at high speed and as it drew near turned into an ellipse. Passing over the vessel it became a full circle of bright blue light with jet black center and appeared about the size of a basketball held at arm's length. The ring of light then appeared to slow down and pass rapidly through a thin layer of stratus clouds at about 2000 feet. As the object passed through the cloud layer, it illuminated these clouds to the same hue and agitated them violently. The object was lost from view shortly after entering the cloud layer.

The circle of light was estimated by Mr. [REDACTED] to be about 100 feet in diameter as it arrived directly over his position and about the size of a grapefruit held at arm's length after it had risen to the size of the clouds before disappearing. Mr. Ferrell's approximate weight was 160 lbs.

No noise from the object could be heard above the sound of the sunburning no exhaust trail was seen.

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1. Diagram I. Description of Object  
2. Diagram II. Track of Object

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b. Light conditions - The moon was near full and was shining brilliantly through a thin layer of stratus clouds. The condition of light was such that the observers feel sure they could have read a newspaper by it.

### 5. Location of Observers

Located about amidships at  $27^{\circ}02'05''S/128^{\circ}27'55''E$ .

## 5. Observers' Identifying Information

a. - Civilian

(1) Mr.      -     , 30 years of age, c/o P.O. Box 55,  
Naha, Okinawa.

berry of age, (Oriental) - cu. 4 Fan.

He claims to be an electrical engineer and has had six years of service with the British Admiralty. He is present in the assistant manager of the Hagelloch office on Okinawa.

assistant. He is interested in the development of a new system of

## 7. Weather and Winds Alert for the 1990s

9. Observed a ~~thin~~ <sup>thin</sup> cloud layer throughout the sky and that the sky was cloudy. ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> 2000 ft and ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> 1000 ft above

### b. Wind Velocity

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Direction (from)</u>	<u>Speed (knots)</u>
Surface	Calm	Calm
6,000'	70°	15
10,000'	60°	20
16,000'	60°	23
20,000'	70°	23
30,000'	30°	10
45,000'	5.5°	9

c. Ceiling - 2000 feet, broken.

2. Visibility - 10 miles.

e. Amount of Cloud Cover - 5/10.

## 2. Thunderstorms - Kone.

#### 8. Meteorological or Astronomical Phenomenon Accounting for the Sighting

None.

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**9. Interceptions Attempted**

None.

**10. Air Traffic in Area at Time of Sighting**

None.

**11. Physical Evidence**

None.

**12. Position, Title, Comment of Preparing Officer**

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Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Twentieth Air Force

b. Each of the observers was interrogated and each described essentially the same thing. This report was originally handled by the GSI in August and a comparison of the two reports reveals no major differences. Both observers had ever seen a similar object before nor had they observed anything of an unusual nature or pertaining to flying objects before this incident.

Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] appeared to be honest and forthcoming in their attitude towards the investigation. It is recommended that what they say actually happened should be corroborated by cooperative with the investigating officer.

The reliability of the observers is unknown.

This report is late because the observers, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. Kosei, were not available when the original report was put into Intelligence channels. The original report was extremely sketchy, necessitating re-interrogation of the two men.

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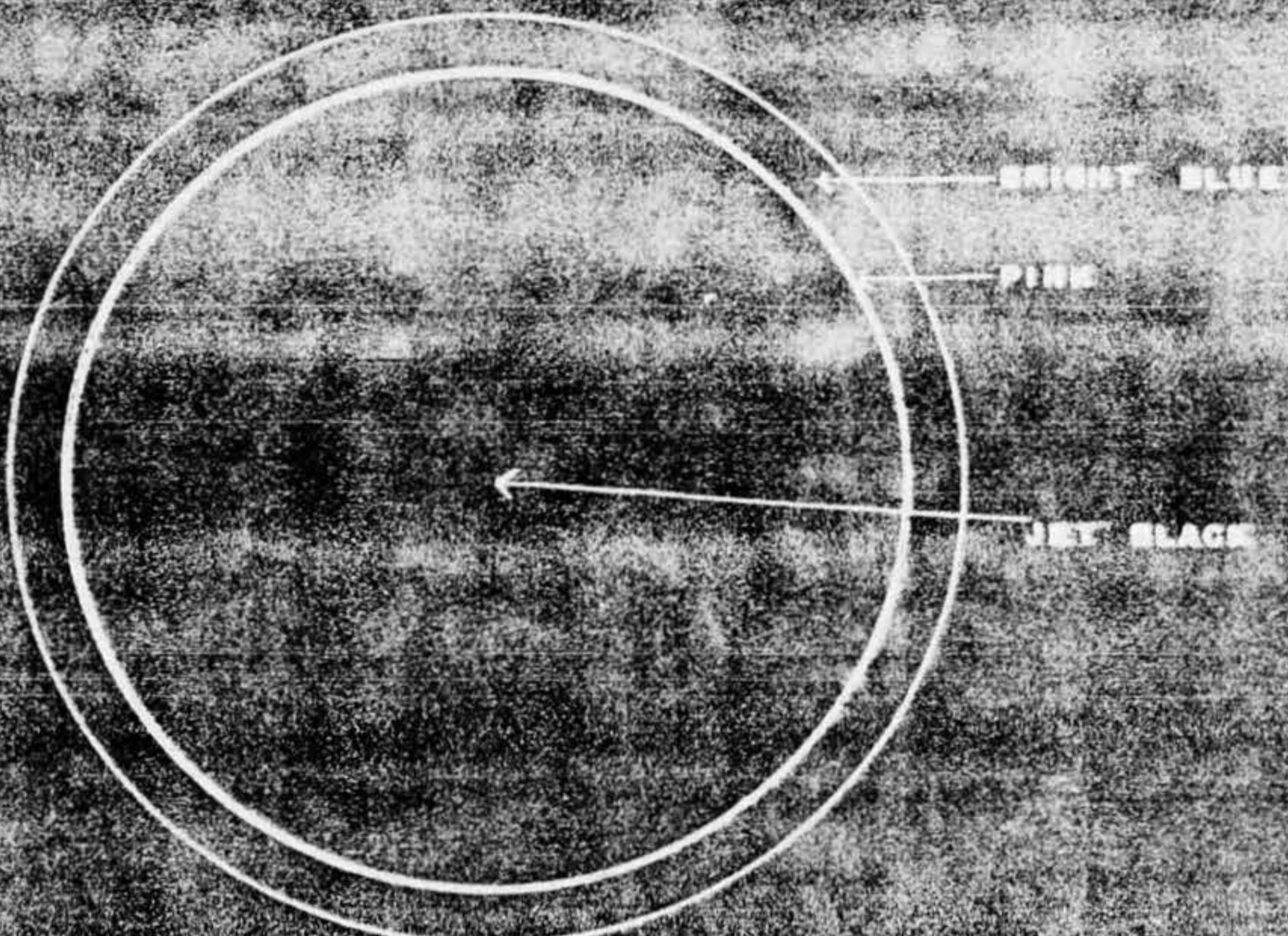
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ACTUAL SIZE AT  
FIRST SIGHTING

SHAPE AS  
OBJECT APPROACHED



SHAPE OF  
OBJECT  
DIRECTLY  
OVERHEAD



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27°30' N  
128°45' E

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OBJECTS FIRST  
POSITIONDIRECTION OF  
TRAVEL

YORON-JIMA

OBSERVER'S  
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